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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SEYCHELLES INTEREST IN HYDROFOILS

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1. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ROBER DELORIE TOLD AMBASSADOR IN NOVEMBER 11 METING THAT SEYCHELLES MAY BE INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING HYDROFOILS FOR INTER-ISLAND TRANSPORTATION AND ASKED ABOUT U.S. TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT IN THIS FIELD. DELORIE, WHO IS HEAD OF GOS PLANNING COMMISSION, IS SAME OFFICIAL WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN INFORMATION ABOUT U.S. HELICOPTERS FOR INTER-ISLAND TOURIST TRAFFIC. DELORIE EXPLAINED THAT GOS VIEWS HELICOPTERS AND HYDROFOILS AS COMPLIMENTARY ITEMS IN GOVERNMENT'S SEARCH FOR SOLUTION TO INTER-ISLAND TRANSPORT PROBLEM AND ATTAINMENT OF GOAL OF RAPID TOURIST DEVELOPMENT OF OUTER ISLANDS.

2. BELIVE IT IS PREMATURE FOR U.S. BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT SEYCHELLES AT THIS TIME. GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WILL BE SET OUT IN FIVE YEAR ROLLING DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEDULED TO BE PUBLISHED BEFORE END OF YEAR. WE SHOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION TO ADVISE PROSPECTIVE U.S. MANUFACTURERS AFTER PLAN IS AVAILABLE.

3. MEANWHILE, REQUEST ADVISE U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF POSSIBLE SEYCHELLES' INTEREST IN HYDROFOILS. IF DESIRED, EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASE FORWARD ANY BROCHURES, TECHNICAL DATA OR OTHER SALES

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